

COHEN'S MERCHANDISE HAS NO TIME TO TARRY.

HOLIDAY GOODS BELOW PAR.

Santa Claus & Co. have retired from business for a year, and their stock of "left-overs" are put in liquidation. In other words they are to be sold at under-the-hammer prices. The firm has declared a satisfactory dividend, and all the "left-overs" are to the good—that's the reason for the below-cost prices.

Made Garments at Any Prices.

The Finest Tailored Garments ever shown in Richmond are to be closed out regardless of cost—any prices to move them from here.

\$12.50 Women's and Misses' Tailor Suits, newest cut, \$7.50.
\$15 Tailor Suits, Venetian, Cheviot, and fancy mixtures, best styles, \$10.
\$22.50 Suits of Pebble Cheviot and Broadcloth, biceps and Prince Albert Coats, \$15.
\$25 Handsome Suits, newest fabrics, \$22.
\$42.50 Suits of finest imported fabrics, over silk drop skirts, \$20.
\$5 Cloth Coats, newest styles, \$2.50.
\$7.50 Kersey Coats, fitted back, flat stitched collars, \$5.
\$10 Military Coats, castor, mode and black, \$5.50.
\$16.50 and \$18 Three Quarter Length Kersey Coats, velvet trimmings, \$10.
\$22.50 Finest Tailored Coats, black, navy, brown and tan, \$15.
Handsome Tailored Coats, suitable for street or evening wear, sold to \$5, now \$2.50.

\$7.50 Children's Full Length Kersey Coats, stole collar, braided finish, \$4.
\$10 Military Coats, full length, \$5.
\$15 Full Length Coats, \$8.50.
\$5 Cloth Reefers, now \$1.98.
Women's \$25 Seal Coats, perfect fitting, now \$15.
\$37.50 Electric Seal Coats, this season's newest cut, \$22.
\$50 Near Seal Coats, \$35.
\$55 Real Persian Lamb Coats, \$50.
\$20 Priestley's Guaranteed Rain-proof Coats, in all the newest shades, \$12.50.
\$25 Priestley's Cravenette Coats, \$15.
\$35 Rain Coats, \$20.
Mantelette Dressing Scaques, \$25.
\$15.00 Dressing Scaques and Kimonos of German flannel, \$11.
75c. Mantelette Wrappers, full sizes, \$50c.

FURS MUST BE SOLD,

So we take this way of showing you just how much your Fur money will do now—it's just time for them.

\$5.00 each—A lot of \$7.50 and \$9.75 Furs, including double and stole shape Scarfs and Boas, all the most wanted and popular Furs of the season.

A lot of Furs, which sold from \$10 to \$35, will be closed out at a reduction of 25 per cent.

THE BOOK STORE.

Has thousands of Fine Books—as well as modest-priced ones—which have been handled by its numberless visitors. A store such as this has no use for them and they will be put on sale Monday at ridiculous prices, considering their cost. It offers a splendid opportunity to the book lover, who looks at the contents rather than the binding. There is not a shopping place in Richmond better known than Cohen's Book Store, and those who missed the chance before Xmas to learn its possibilities shall have it Monday.

Sale of Knit Underwear.

Winter has just taken hold, and will be in earnest from this on—no better time to buy Underwear, with prices as little as these.

50c.—Women's Fine Wool Ribbed Vests and Pants—the pants are made full, with draw string, bands and side buttoned; vests are silk trimmed.
25c.—Women's Extra Weight Egyptian Yarn Pants and Suits; some are bleached—all sizes.
40c.—Women's Fine Ribbed Harvard Mills 75c. Vests or Pants.
\$1.—Women's \$1.25 Natural Wool Merino Vests and Pants.
75c.—Women's \$1 Heavy White Merino Vests.
25c.—Boys' and Girls' Egyptian Fleece Shirts and Drawers; Union Suits same price.

Cottons: Outings.

The basement is again awakened to the needs for Cottons and Outings. They are at Cohen's peerless prices.
Fancy Woven Dark Outings, 50c. and 61c. grades, 2 3-4c.
6 1-4c. Igloo, Calicoes, neat printings, 4 3-4c.
Yard Wide French Percales, 5 3-4c.
Fancy Printed 10c. Dark Flannel-ettes, 9 3-4c.
10c. Yard Wide Dark Percales, 6 3-4c.
The usual 12 1-2c. Sea Islands are 8 3-4c.
8c. and 11c. Yard Wide Bleached Cottons and Cambrics, 7 1-2c.
Gray and Navy Printed 6c. and 6c. Calicoes, 3 7-8c.

Shirt-Waists: Sweaters.

The second floor has not better price inducements than these:

\$1.75 for Women's \$2.50 Sweaters, white and red.
\$1.50 for \$1.75 Sweaters, all colors, including black and gray.
95c. for \$1.50 All Wool Shirt Waists, every wanted color.
\$1.98 for \$2.50 Shirt Waists, with brass buttons, all colors.
40c. for Women's Fine Ribbed Harvard Mills 75c. Vests or Pants.
\$1.—Women's \$1.25 Natural Wool Merino Vests and Pants.
75c.—Women's \$1 Heavy White Merino Vests.
25c.—Boys' and Girls' Egyptian Fleece Shirts and Drawers; Union Suits same price.

Petticoats: SECOND FLOOR.

Some of these have been sold by hundreds this season, but not at these prices. Read them:
95c.—Women's \$1.50 Black Imported Mercerized Underskirts, deep flounces, with three ruffles and perfectly made.
75c.—Women's \$1.19 Black Italian Cloth Skirts, accordion plaited flounces.
50c. for Women's 75c. Handsome Knit Skirts, light or dark shades, with fancy borders.
90c. for Women's Fine All Wool Knit Skirts, that were \$1.25; all the wanted shades.
10c.—Nurses' 25c. White Lawn Aprons, deep hem and wide strings.

In spite of the immense business done in Holiday ware and regular stocks we have still the largest stock of goods in the city. Sound merchandising requires that they be sold now in order to reduce stocks to a safe level. There is only one way with the laggard stocks and that is to reduce prices to the lowest limit now rather than carry over a lot of unseasonable merchandise which will be sold at a heavy loss next year. This is the reason why this fine stock of fashionable, seasonable goods is offered at less than we can duplicate them at wholesale. If we did not have enough goods we could not afford to sell them for less than we can buy again.

COLORED DRESS GOODS.

After the hurly burly of holiday shopping, you think about Dress Goods again. These prices will materialize that thought. You won't be able to beat them this season.

56-inch All Wool Melton Cloth, in light gray and navy blue, best \$1.25 value, for 95c.
All Wool Saxoflaks and Bourrette Dress Fabrics for 42c. a yard, instead of 60c.
English Serge, best 60c. quality, full double width, for 47c.
56-inch Rainproof Cravenette, best \$2.50 value, for \$1.75.

35-inch Wool Serges, all colors, for 19c.
Cream Colored Velveteen, looks like the 35c. quality, at 9c.
56-inch Melton Cloth, in new brown and black, regular \$2 goods, \$1.35.
French Brondelot, in colors and black, for 80c.

Furnish Your House with Carpets.

It pays to do it while we are in the selling mood—don't want to carry them over to summer and there is a quarter to a third saved by buying now and the assortment is all that can be desired.

CARPETS AND RUGS.

Wool Ingrain Carpets that were 75c. for 50c. a yard.
Tapestry Brussels Carpets that were 85c. for 60c. a yard.
Wilton Velvet Carpets, were \$1.19, for 85c. a yard.
Axminster Carpets, light and dark effects, were \$1.25 to \$1.50, for 95c. a yard.
Best Smyrna Hearth Rugs, 30x60, were \$2.50, for \$2.75.
Smyrna Hearth Rugs, wool, were \$2, for \$1.45.

Brussels Druggists, 3x1 yards, were \$1.50, for \$1.4.
Smyrna Druggists, 3x1 yards, were \$1.50, for \$1.45.

MATTINGS.

Some of the new spring styles are in linen warp carpet effects, bright reds, greens or blues, 25c. a yard.
Linen Warp Mattings, with inserted designs, 15c. a yard.
Fancy China Jointless Mattings for 12 1-2c. a yard.
Best 25c. Heavy China Mattings for 18c. a yard.
1x2 yard Matting Rugs for 75c.

HOUSE FURNISHINGS.

Some particularly shrewd shoppers postpone buying House Furnishings until after Christmas and the bargains there will prove they are right. Useful as well as ornamental wares are all at the least prices possible.

Some Winter Bedding Supplies,

Which have not moved fast enough at the old prices, so we cut them down to the bargain level. They must be sold and we are not afraid to make the prices.

11-4 White Wool Blankets, extra heavy, deep fleeces, were \$1.50, now \$3.45.
\$3.50 Blankets, 10-4, are \$2.50.
\$2.50 White Wool Blankets, 10-4, are \$1.95.
12-4 Heavy Placed Blankets, white, tan and gray, \$1.45.
Heavy Placed Camels' Hair Blankets, 75c.
25c. for Window Blankets, double bed size, 25c.
Lamb's Wool Comfortables, covered with fancy silkoline on both sides, equal to blanket, \$2.75.

Silk Floss Comfortables, fancy coverings \$3.50.
French Sateen Down Comfortables, covered with fancy printed French sateens, \$4.90.
Sanitary Cotton Comfortables, silkoline covered, \$1 and up to \$2.50.
Some Comfortables are 45c.
Sale of 10c. Pillow Cases, 17 dozen, 40 1-2x20 and 42x30, for 7 1-2c. each.
310 dozen 42x36 and 45x36 Hemstitched and Plain Pillow Cases, 12 1-2c. each.
52 dozen Bleached Sheets, 72x90 and 81x90, for 40c. each.

Infants' Wear. SECOND FLOOR.

Some dainty wear, including handsome Cloaks, at little prices.

19c. each for lot of Children's Silk Caps, various kinds, that sold for 30c.
45c. for Infants' 75c. Kimonos, all colors.
25c. for Children's 35c. Leggings, red, blue and white.
50c. for Dainty Soft Sole Shoes, all colors and black.
50c. for Beautiful 75c. Silk Caps, full ribbons, ribbon rosettes and embroidered.
65c. for Pretty Crochet Hoods, trimmed with white ermine.
\$1.08 for Handsome \$5.08 Velvet Cloaks, broad trimmed.
\$1.98 each for lot of All Wool Cloth Cloaks, sizes to six years, nearly all colors; some sold for \$1.25.
\$5 for \$7.50 Zibeline Cloaks, all colors.
\$1.50 for \$2.98 Long or Short White Bedford Coat Cloaks, trimmed with silk braid.
\$5 for Handsome \$5.98 All Wool Cloaks, elaborately trimmed.

Toilets.

It is rare that you buy high grade Perfumeries at these prices.

Colgate's, Bradley's and other good Perfumes, 25c. extracts, are 20c. a bottle.
411 Violet Toilet Water for 25c. a bottle.
Fancy Boxes of Perfume, two to a box, sold for 60c., for 30c. a bottle.
Rogers and Gallet's Violet Extract, 81c. a bottle.
Rogers and Gallet's Violet Soap, 20c. a cake.
Pear's Unscented Soap, 10c. a cake.

Sacrifice of Waistings.

They are worth over double our prices and are the latest styles.

15c. Fleece Lined Mercerized Oxford, 9 1-2c.
Imported Mercerized Waistings and Vestings, light and dark grounds, some white ones among them—each sold to 88c.; choice, 35c. a yard.

Silks for All the Season to Come,

Even the half-price Silks of a week ago will be on the counters at special sale's prices. We must reduce the stock.

The 27-inch 45c. White Habutal on sale Monday at 20c.
Black Peau de Sole yard wide, every guarantee, sold for \$1.20, will be \$1.10.
The 27-inch \$1.19 Peau de Sole will be 90c.
Two other grades are marked from \$1.20 to 95c., and from 90c. to 50c.
A lot of Black Taffetas, all pure silk, 10 inches wide, will be closed Monday for 90c. a yard.
Black Imperial Taffeta, Lyons make—was priced \$1.50, will be closed out at \$1.
Lot of Yard-Wide All Silk Black Taffeta, usually sold at \$1.30 to \$1.20;

special price, 45c. a yard, or less than we can buy it for.
Lot of Brocade Laines, black and white effects, soft as crope de chine, \$1 quality, for 50c. a yard.
Some of the 60c. Washable Shirt Waist Taffetas will be 30c. a yard.
Moire Walsings, various colored dots, Monday's closing price, 27 inches wide, 50c.
A few pieces of Black Seeded Armure, mourning goods, with a guarantee—a dollar quality, for 50c. a yard.
Lot of White and Cream Fine \$1.20 Liberty Sateen will be closed out at 60c. a yard.

CURTAIN OPPORTUNITIES.

Our Curtain stock, notwithstanding our sales have nearly doubled, is the largest in the city, giving ample choosing. Shrewd shoppers can find here the greatest bargains of the season in lots that are reduced to two or three pairs. We give a few suggestions out of a stock full of good things:

Three pairs only of Elaborately Trimmed Hand Made Brussels Lace Curtains \$10.50 a pair—four yards long, extra wide.

Two pairs of Handsome Irish Point Lace Curtains, in elegant all-over embroidered hand work, full length and width, \$8.25 a pair.

Two pairs each White and Ecru, four yards long, hand made, Arabian and Renaissance, to be closed out at \$5 a pair.

Four pairs Beige Net Curtains, with wide, attractive borders, \$6 a pair.
Handsome Bonne Femme Irish

Point and Antique Lace Bed Sets reduced to one-third off their regular price.

Silk Velour Portieres, double faced, fancy on one side, plain on other, with beautiful floral and Oriental borders—\$5 kind, reduced to \$4.5 a pair.

Jute Velour Portieres, solid centers on one side, Oriental on the other, \$3 value, \$2.75 a pair.

Imported Hipp Portieres, solid color background, in Turkish designs, with wide platted fringe, very wide and handsome, \$15 value, \$7.95 a pair.
Turkish Couch Covers, fringed all around, 60-inch width, \$3.50 each.

Art Goods. SECO FLOOR.

Long winter evenings call for Fancy Work, and these prices answer the call.

6c. each for lot of 25c. Lithograph Cushion Tops.
15c. for Applique Scarfs that sold for 30c.

45c. for Fancy Work Baskets, various sizes, same that were \$1.19.
45c. for Renaissance Centerpieces, round or square, usual price \$5.
\$2.25 for Handsome Lunch Cloths and Scarfs that sold for \$4.25 and \$1.98.

55c. for 60c. Silkoline Mantel Draperies, fringed.
7c. for 12c. Pretty Applique Centerpieces, 12x12 inches, ample choosing.

75c. for 1c. Embroidered Pillow Shams and Scarfs to match.
\$1.08 for Handsome Ready Made Sofa Cushions that cost \$2.50 to make.

50c. for Pretty Ready Made Pin Cushions, lace and ribbon trimmed.
95c. for Pin Cushions that usually sell for \$1.50.

Umbrella Bargains.

All holiday Umbrellas that are left over will be closed out at a big reduction, for instance:

Umbrellas that were \$2.75 and \$2.98 will be \$2.
Umbrellas that were \$1.50 and \$5 will be \$1 and \$4.50.
And all others at like reductions.

Neckwear: Boas.

But prices are about half of last week's. That's why we tell you of them.

3c. each—Embroidered Turnover Collars, that are worth 25c.
5c. each—Lot of Fancy Neckwear which shows handling, that sold for 9c. to 25c.

\$2 each for \$4 Feather Boas.
\$3 each for Feather Boas that sold at \$10 and \$12.

Linings.

These prices will interest you, for they are less than cost. Too many is one reason.

120 yards Peraline Linings, in lengths of two to six yards, sold for 12 1-2c., for 6 1-2c. a yard.

1,600 yards Black Mercerized Sateen Linings, 20c. quality, for 12 1-2c. a yard; lengths two to five yards.

1,000 yards Silasias Linings, worth to 15c., in two and a half to four yard lengths, for 7 1-2c. a yard.

Ten pieces Black Peraline Linings, best 12 1-2c. quality, for 9 3-4c. a yard.
Black and Colored Moire Velours Linings for 25c.—full yard wide.

Boys' Clothing.

In no one department have we shown a greater increase than Boy's Clothing and it is with good grace that we give some wonderful after-Xmas prices. They are all worth a half more.

Peter Thompson "Overcoat" of blue imported melton, a natty-looking garment for the little chap, a \$7.50 Coat for \$5.25.

Boys' Nobby Overcoats, cut in the very latest effect, well tailored and finished, \$1.08 to \$7.50.

Boys' Double-Breasted Suit, 3 to 17 years, all wool, navy blue, dark green and gray mixed chevrons, made patent waist bands, taped seams and well lined, \$1.08 to \$7.50.

Kid Gloves.

Our 50c. Kid Gloves are sold in many styles for \$1.

Our \$1 and \$1.50 Kid Gloves are correspondingly fine.
A full assortment of Silk, Fabric and Wool Gloves at very little prices.

One Fourth Off on These Silver and Leather Novellies.

Sterling Silver articles one-fourth of marked prices.
Leather Collar and Cuff Boxes and Burnt Leather Novellies one-fourth off marked prices.

Optical Department.

You have perhaps hurt your eyes looking for Xmas bargains, and now is the time to have them repaired. Our specialist will test your eyes free and furnish glasses at about half of usual prices. Try him.

Black Goods: Velvets.

An overplus of fine French Dress Fabrics, which must be sold now.

Handsome Clay Serge, made out of pure Australian wool; also Granites and Chevrons, that sold to 72c., will close out—about 800 yards—for 42c. a yard.

Black Melton, 56 inches wide, the best \$1 value, will be 55c.
Heavy Uncut Worsteds, 56 inches wide, were 65c., now 50c.

Fine Imported Zibelines, 22 1-2c. quality, will be sold for \$1.25.
All the Fancy 75c. Velvets and Velveteens, for shirt waists and suits, are marked at 60c. a yard.

Linens Less Than Ever.

These prices will compel buying, because we know they can't be equalled.

20c.—Cream Linen Heavy Table Damask, regular 37c. grade.
40c.—Heavy Half Bleached Table Damask, two yards wide—it is the best 60c. grade.

50c.—Silver Bleached Pure Linen Embossed German Table Damask; also Two-Yard Wide Plain Bleached Pure Irish Linen Damask.

47c.—for best 25c. Turkey Red Table Damask.
60c. a dozen—Bleached Dinner Napkins.

\$1.25 a dozen—Silver Bleached Pure German Embossed Dinner Napkins.
30c. each—Pure Linen Damask Cloths, 1x1 1-4 yards—always 75c. to \$1.

10c.—Fine Linen Hemstitched Huck Towels.

Hosiery.

After Xmas prices, with all the before Xmas choice of selection.

8c.—Children's Seamless Ribbed Stockings, all sizes.
12 1-2c.—Women's Fancy Style Stockings, black and gray combinations.

12 1-2c.—Boys' 15c. Heavy Indestructible Ribbed Stockings, double knees.

Handkerchief Bargains.

Thousands of Handkerchiefs—fine ones, too—show handling. It don't hurt their worth, but it knocks a half off the prices.

Lot of 5c. Hemstitched Handkerchiefs to be sold two for 5c.
Lot of 10c. and 12 1-2c. Lace Trimmed Handkerchiefs to be sold at 7c. each.

Lot of 15c. Swiss Embroidered Handkerchiefs to be sold at 10c. each.
A lot of 25c. Lace Handkerchiefs will be sold at 15c. each.

Some samples of the ore or dirt to the chief geologist of the United States Geological Survey. He is paid for giving honest and unbiased opinions about the properties of ore, stones and other materials.

He receives a bunch of samples almost every day. Occasionally a big find is unexpectedly made. A few months ago some samples of crude tin were picked up by a South Carolina farmer on what was considered a worthless piece of land. The Government geologist assayed the specimen and found that it contained a large percentage of tin.

His Own Manuscript.

George Ade, in the early days of his career, before his "Fables in Slang" had brought him fame, says the New York Tribune, called one morning upon a Sunday editor, on a mission from a theatrical manager.

"I have brought you this manuscript," he began; but the editor, looking up at the tall, timid youth, interrupted:

"Just throw the manuscript in the waste basket, please," he said, "I'm very busy just now, and haven't time to do it myself."

"I have obeyed calmly. He resumed: "I have come from the Theatre, and the manuscript I have just thrown in the waste basket is your comic farce of 'The Erring Son,' which the manager asks me to return to you with thanks. He suggests that you sell it to an undertaker, to be read at funerals."

"Then Mr. Ade smiled gently and withdrew."

CASE OF KELLY.

Will Be Heard in the Police Court Wednesday.

The case of Mike Kelly, the junk man, charged with having stolen railroad iron and brass in his possession, was set for a hearing next Wednesday, in the Police Court.

A lot of the iron has been identified by the U. and O.

WORK FOR LAWMAKERS

Much Business Is Awaiting Them on Their Return From Their Holidays.

MOST IMPORTANT MEASURES

The Jamestown Bill and Those Involving Corporations Are Still on the Calendars.

When the General Assembly convenes after the Christmas recess, as it will December 29th, there will still remain enough to do to keep the members busy up to the limit of the life of the body. It is improbable that a quorum of both houses will be present on Tuesday next. In fact it will be Thursday before the body settles down to work.

Among the very first bills to be acted on will be the Senate bill to validate marriages under licenses issued by county clerks; that is to say, to validate the acts of those clerks. This is a bill in which many are interested. The bill has already passed the Senate, but not the House.

The Edmundson general road law is not quite completed yet. The conference has not yet reported. It is not yet altogether certain that the bill will pass, finally.

JAMESTOWN BILL.

Perhaps the matter of greatest public

interest yet remaining to be acted on is the bill to extend the time—the Jamestown Exposition Company is raising the million dollars required as a condition to extend the time two months. It has passed the House, but its fate in the Senate is not so certain. On an attempt to pass the bill Tuesday there were fourteen votes out of eleven recorded, whereas sixteen are required. With a full attendance of senators the bill will probably pass, but it is not improbable that there will be further debate on the measure. Many contend that the passage of the bill will impair the contracts of those who have subscribed to the fund, and that they will refuse to pay their subscriptions, but the friends of the exposition movement deny this, and declare that the bill will not impair the contracts.

More important to the State at large than any other bills remaining are those in relation to corporations; certainly they are of most interest. As shown by Senator Melvin, however, it is not absolutely imperative that these bills be enacted into law. The Corporation Commission, he contends, already has all the power necessary to deal with public service corporations. "Be that as it may, there is going to be considerable discussion of these bills, and the time will be spent over the amendments to the bill when it is reported to the Senate. Evidence of that is abundant."

A large number of bills, those relating to the public school system of the State, the duties and powers of county boards of supervisors and various others, are all ready to be signed by the Lieutenant Governor and they will go to Governor Montague for his approval. Meanwhile the Governor is utilizing the time the legislators are enjoying the holiday at home to read these bills.

ON EMINENT DOMAIN.

The bill in regard to eminent domain, a rather formidable one, and that regarding public service corporations is yet in the Senate Committee for Courts of Justice and further hearings are to be had thereon. This will probably develop on the floor, whatever the committee report. This is the bill amended by Mr. Duke, and

to which amendment the railroads are strenuously opposed.

The same gentleman has an important amendment to the bill concerning public service corporations, and one to which the telephone companies generally are stoutly opposed. The failure of both amendments is likely, notwithstanding the stubborn fight Mr. Duke has made to force the Senate to act on them before the recess.

Besides these large bills there are on the calendar a number of old bills that have been there for months. In the Senate is the Kezwell-Harkdale general primary bill, which has been set as a special order for next Tuesday. That does not mean that the bill is going to be pressed, however. On the contrary, it is doubtful that the measure will ever be engrossed.

REAPPOINTMENT BILL.

Then there is also the House fence law bill on the Senate calendar, where it has been there for months. Many of these bills have been set as a special order for next Tuesday. That does not mean that the bill is going to be pressed, however. On the contrary, it is doubtful that the measure will ever be engrossed.

Besides these there